

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Rowe-Jessop Store Inventory Number: BA-2051

Address: 16925 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21161

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom

Tax Parcel Number: 29 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number:

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name:  Date:

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district:

Is district listed? ☒ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☒ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number:

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Rowe-Jessop store is a brick 2½-story, two-part commercial block. The original side-gabled block is a rectangular building measuring three bays by four bays. There is a two-story shed roof addition on the north side and a flat roof rear addition. There is a full width shed roof porch, partially enclosed, on the principal façade and a hip roof porch on the south side. The building has two internal brick chimneys and the roofs are clad by standing seam metal; the gable roof has cornice returns. The windows in the original block are wood double-hung sash (2/2 lights) in square surrounds highlighted by corner blocks and paterae. The northern shed roof addition has a bracketed cornice and 6/6 light double-hung sash windows.

The brick store was built between 1833 and 1841, according to the 1980 MIHP form completed for the property. A deed dated 1841 identified a "large two-story brick house" on the property sold by William Rowe to Norris Montgomery. The building housed a series of retail stores during the nineteenth century and became known by its recent owners' name – Foster – during the twentieth century. The Foster family, who formerly operated a hardware store in the building, constructed a new building in the rear of this property and the building currently is used as retail space by tenants. This building appears to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of additions to the historic block and alterations to the original building fabric.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u></u>	
<u></u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>11/16/01</u>
Reviewer, NR program <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>6/21/01</u>

Inventory No. BA-2051

**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic                      Rowe-Jessop Store

other                      Foster's Store

## 2. Location

street and number	16925 York Road	not for publication
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city, town	Monkton	vicinity
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county Baltimore

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom

street and number	19007 Tyson Road	telephone
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city, town	White Hall	state	MD	zip code	21161
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-29

city, town	Towson	liber	folio
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

**Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

\_\_\_ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

X Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

## 6. Classification

[illegible]

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## 7. Description

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Inventory No. BA-2051

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☒ altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

Specific dates ca. 1833-1950

Architect

Construction dates 1833-1841

Builder

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2051

Name Rowe-Jessop Store

Continuation Sheet

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	48,090 sq. ft.		
Acreage of historical setting	48,090 sq. ft.		
Quadrangle name	Hereford, MD	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, parcel 29.

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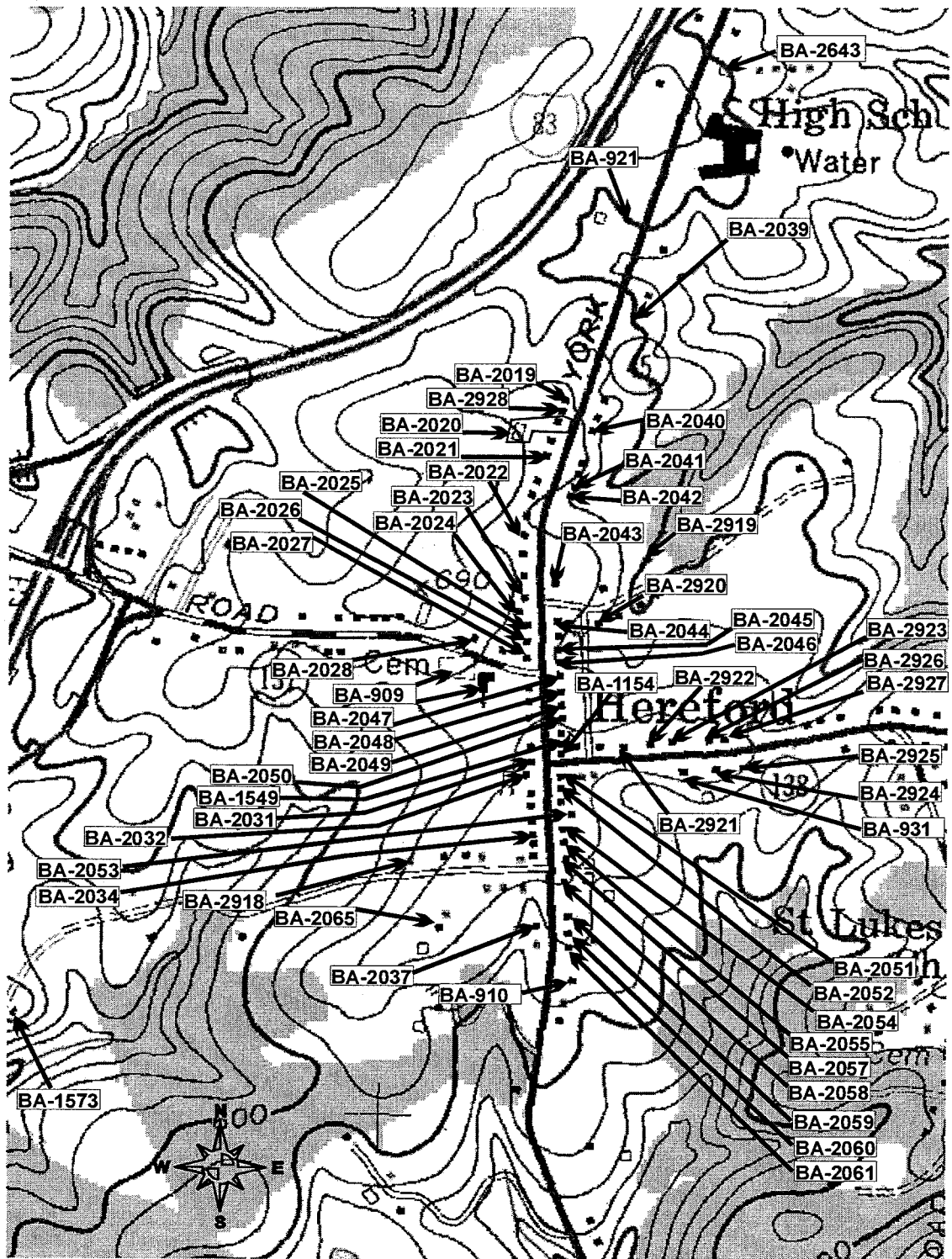
## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state MD	zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600







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Rowe-Jessop Store

Foster's Store

16925 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Rowe-Jessop Store, to  
the southeast.

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BA-2051

2/2

Rowe-Jessop Store

Foster's Store

16925 York Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Rowe-Jessop Store,  
to the northeast.

BA 2051

ROWE-JESSOP STORE

1833-1841

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

The brick store at Hereford's main intersection was probably among the \$1200 worth of improvements charged to William Rowe in the 1841 tax ledger. The "large two-story brick house" was specifically mentioned in a deed of 1841 when Norris Montgomery purchased it. Montgomery was a partner in a dry goods and hardware business that had outlets at Hereford and in Baltimore on Gay Street and Ostend Street. The string of stores led to Montgomery's ruin, and in 1847, the Hereford store was advertised for sale. Numerous subsequent owners have operated the store, including John E. Foster, who acquired in 1928. The Foster family still conducts a hardware store on the premises in a new building, while the original brick house is used for small businesses and a curio shop. This building in vernacular style is mainly brick, but there is a frame wing. There is a gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal. At the roof line, the only applied decoration is some Italianate bracketing.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC ROWE-JESSOP STORE

AND/OR COMMON

Foster's Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

16,925 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Donald B. Foster, et al.

c/o Foster Brothers Hardware

Telephone #: 357-5127

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5334

Folio #: 368

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rowe-Jessop store is a brick and frame structure of at least three parts, two stores plus attic in the main block, two stories elsewhere. There are also contemporary accretions. The building is vernacular in style, functional in places, with two bays worth of Italianate bracketing. The main (west) facade is seven bays wide, which embraces five bays in the main brick section (the southern end) and two bays in a flat-roofed frame portion (north end).

A full-width, shed-roofed, one-story front porch runs across the entire building. Four of the original bays (the northernmost bays in the brick part) are blocked by enclosing the front porch.

The original first-story facade that can be seen along the porch includes two double-hung sash windows with 4-over-4 lights provided with louvered shutters. The southernmost bay contains a contemporary door with 12 glass lights.

The infilling of the porch includes brick, plate glass windows, and aluminum siding.

At second-story level, the two bays in the north annex (the flat-roofed portion) contains windows of 6-over-6 layout. In the main block, the windows are 2-over-2 types, set under prominent lintels with decorated corner blocks. The main block has a gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal, probably tin, painted green; the eaves overhang; there are prominent eave returns and a noticeable soffit.

The main block is three bays deep. The south end of the main block has a one-story hip-roofed entrance porch that now serves as the entrance to a craft shop. The porch is supported by two square wooden posts. Its roof is standing-seam tin, also painted green. Two large 2-over-2 windows with shutters are located east of this porch. Two windows (also 2-over-2) without shutters, are at second-story level. The gable peak contains a full-sized 6-over-6 double-hung sash window.

The north end of the main block is entirely obstructed by the frame additions, leaving only its attic window visible.

Two wide central brick chimneys rise from the main block, one through the front roof slope, the other through the rear slope.

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The flat-roofed frame extension at the north end of the building has two original, 6-over-6 windows visible at the second story, set under a cornice with Italianate bracketing. This extension comes very close to the side street (Monkton Road), leaving no sidewalk space; this structure presents a blank side wall covered with white composition shingle.

The various other extensions of the basic brick building of the 1830s are functional and without character. Foundation is of stone.

The interior contains a beauty shop, carpet store, and a craft and curio shop. The interior, at least of the curio shop, lacks authentic period details.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1833-1841

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This brick store at one of Hereford's two main intersections was most likely among the \$1200 worth of improvements on a 2-1/4-acre lot that were charged to William Rowe in the 1841 tax records; no such assets were found in the records of 1833. (1)

In 1841, Rowe deeded the 2-1/4-acre parcel to Norris Montgomery in a deed that contained the clause "on which land is erected a large two-story brick house, and other outbuildings ... part of ... Hereford Resurveyed." (2) Montgomery a few months later mortgaged the Hereford parcel and some city lots on Ostend Street and Washington Streets to Alexander D. Kelly and his associates, trading under the name of Kelly, Ball & Co. Montgomery also pledged the dry goods in a store at 161 North Gay Street, plus the

assortment of dry goods, hardware, groceries, now in the store of Simmons & Co. in Hereford in Baltimore County (of which said firm the said Norris Montgomery is a partner and has furnished all the capital). (3)

Montgomery's efforts to found a chain of stores came to ruin, and the property was sold following the case of Andrew J. Loanes-vs.-Alexander D. Kelly, Jr., et al. The property was advertised in the city papers:

The above property is eligibly situated on the Turnpike and the improvements thereon consist of a large two-story BRICK HOUSE or STORE with outbuildings. (4)

William Rowe bought the place back at the auction. (5) Sidney's 1850 map shows the street corner filled in by the store. Rowe conveyed in 1858 to Arthur Groverman in trust for Mary Ellen Emack and Margaret Bowie Emack. (6) After a number of deeds of trust, Pere Wilmer, then trustee, sold in 1865 to William A. Burke; that deed stated that the property was "in

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dilapidated condition and tending to ruin." (7) Burke sold in 1867 to James O. Jessop. (8) Jessop is found in the 1878 business directory under "general merchandise" and his store was indicated in the 1877 atlas by name. (9) The 1876 tax ledger showed him with \$1000 stock in trade, livestock, and a gold watch, total assets, a comfortable \$5,352.13. (10)

In 1884, the place passed from the hands of George W. and Eliza Ellicott to John T. Diven. (11) Diven sold in 1892 to Edgar W. Rowe. In 1896, Rowe was charged with:

Brick Dwelling and Store	1500.00	
Ware Room	50.00	
Stable	25.00	
Cow Shed	10.00	
Furniture	150.00	
Average Stock of Good (sic) in Store	1475.00	
3 Oil Tanks	6.00	
3 Pairs Counter Scales	7.00	(12)

The 1918 tax ledger gave dimensions as:

Dwelling	12 x 22	1 story	
	30 x 54	2 stories	\$1771. (13)

In 1920, Rowe's heirs conveyed to William C. Smith, who held it eight years and sold to John E. Foster, whose relatives still retain the place. (14) The Fosters conducted a hardware business in the original brick store until recent years, when they built a drive-in type store set back from the road. The brick building of 1833-41 contains some small businesses, including an antique shop called "Favorite Things of Monkton."

#### NOTES:

1. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1841, n.p. (Hall of Records).
2. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 366:11.
3. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 367:40.
4. Sun, April 2, 1847.
5. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 395:222.
6. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 22:83.
7. B.C. Deeds, JHL 47:122.
8. B.C. Deeds, JHL 55:215.
9. J. Frank Lewis & Co. Maryland Directory (Baltimore, 1878), p. 530.
10. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, n.p.
11. B.C. Deeds, WMI 139:540.
12. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #504-113.
13. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 747.
14. B.C. Deeds, WHM 655:349.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore, Sun, April 2, 1847. Also Baltimore County Deed Books, and Tax Records. Baltimore City Deed Books.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.104

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

S88 3/4°E 29.7 perches  
 N4E 11.5  
 N4E 4.8 to Monkton Road  
 West 40.8 to York Road  
 S2W 7.25 on York Road  
 S88 3/4E 10.3  
 S2W 7.5 to Beginning (less exceptions) (Map 22, Parcel P29)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

DATE

March 15, 1980

TELEPHONE

494-3495

STATE

Maryland 21204

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

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YORK, PA. 24 MI.  
PARKTON 1.2 MI.

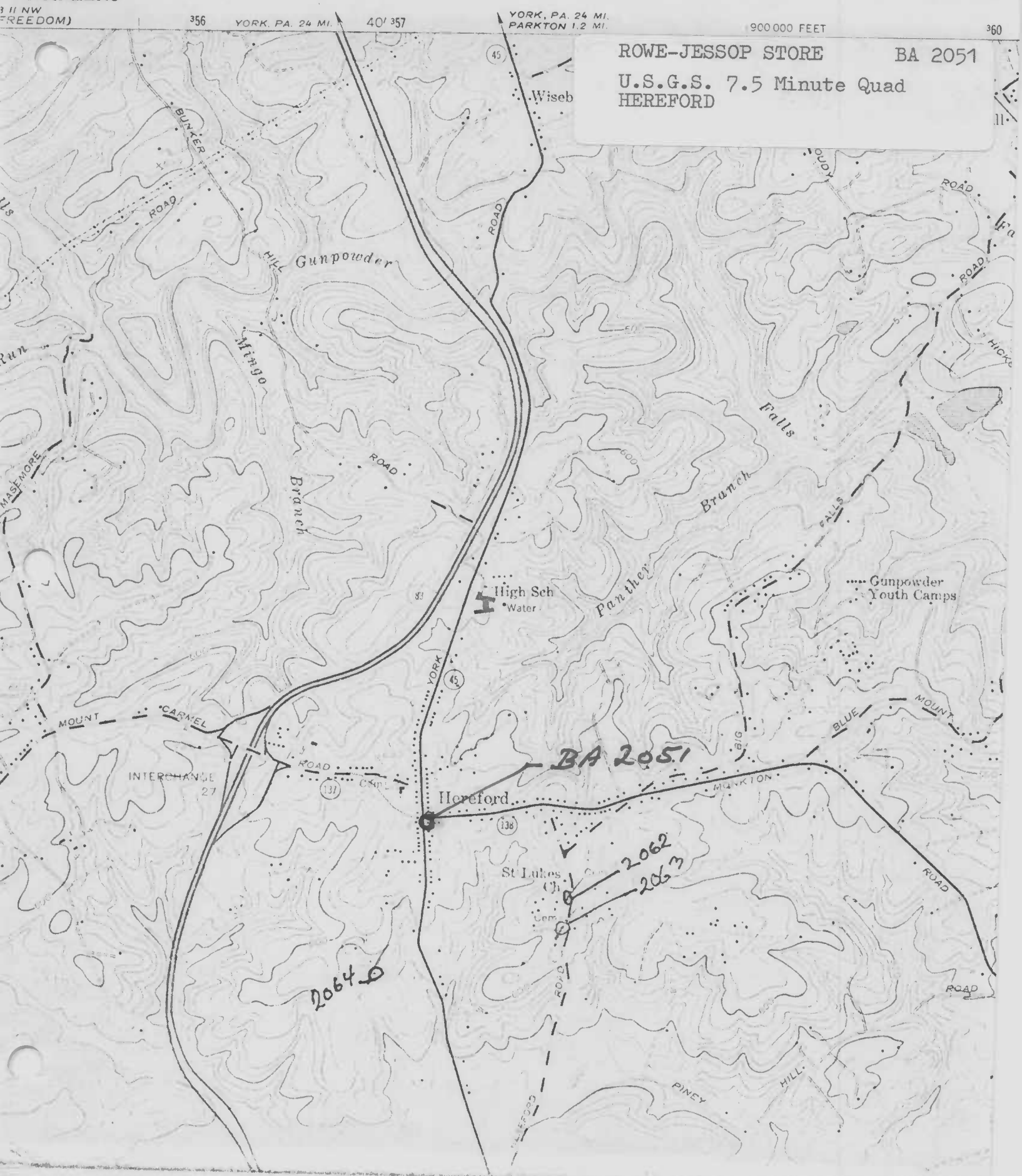
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ROWE-JESSOP STORE

BA 2051

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD





ROWE-JESSOP STORE            BA 2051  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (W) & south facades fr. SW



HEREFORD  
FLOORS

1411 CAPITAL  
ST. WASHINGTON  
D.C. 20004

SALE 595 SQ YD

ROWE-JESSOP STORE                      BA 2051  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (W) facade from NW